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It has been called to our attention that there is no statutory authority for this state agency to publish want ads or for sale notices (formerly released as "Commercial Mineral Notes"). Therefore we are discontinuing this service.

Notes on Current Mining Activity in California

Amador County

A plant has been erected at the Buena Vista lignite mine five miles south of Ione. Experimental work has been carried on for some time in preparation for commercial production of montan wax, mineral pigments, and briquettes which will be produced from the lignite found in this vicinity and near Ione. The De Angelis Coal Company, Carbondale, Pa., expects to begin regular operation of this plant early in 1948. They plan to treat 200 tons daily. Vincenzo De Angelis is president, James N. DeAngelis is superintendent, and R. L. Drew is the technical engineer. Eight men are now employed at this property.

Mariposa County

A six-man crew under the supervision of J. H. A. Williams is driving a 200-foot tunnel to the Evans and French mine near Bagby. This is a gold property.

Mendocino County

A portion of the coal has been stripped for mining by an open cut at a coal deposit $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Dos Rios. E. J. Thorpe of Stockton and associates have built 1-3/10 miles of access road from the Covello highway to the coal deposit. Two Dos Rios contractors, J. Creson and L. Girsch, have three men employed with a Lima power shovel, Mississippi wagons, and bulldozers placing gravel on the road.

Nevada County

Twenty sets of lessees are working at the gold properties of the Empire Star Mines, Ltd., near Grass Valley. H. Fitzpatrick is in charge of this work.

A crew of 280 men are employed at the gold properties of the Idaho Maryland mine near Grass Valley. Neil O'Donnell is in charge of the work.

A crew of 25 men are mining newly developed ore on the gold property of the Spring Hill mine near Grass Valley. C. C. Cushwa is supervising these operations.

Gold mining was suspended at the Gaston mine late in December when all but three men were paid off. This mine had been operated since September 1947 when the Tonopah Divide Mining Company, E. L. Cleveland, general manager, Reno, Nevada, began milling the ore with an old 10-stamp mill.